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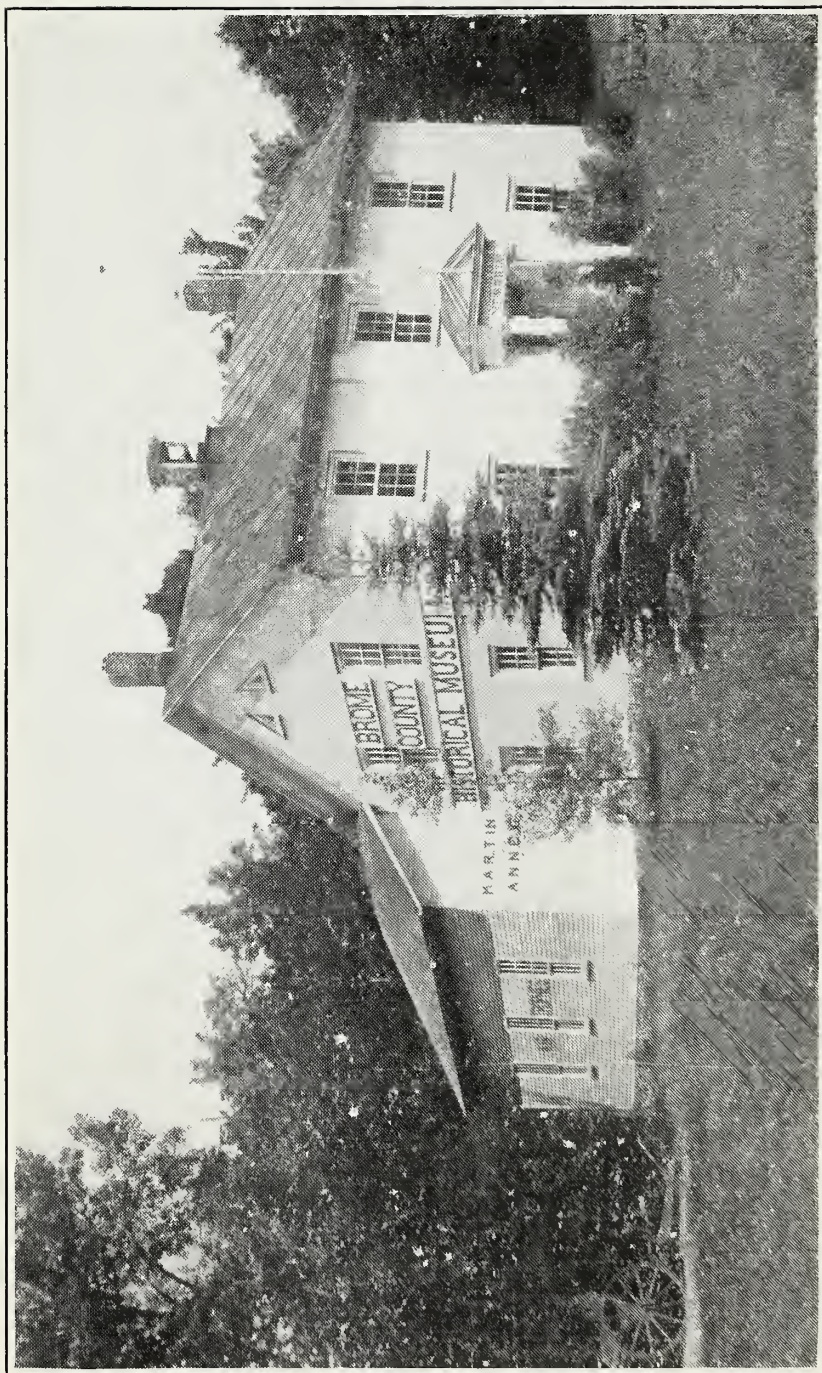
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OLD ACADEMY. KNOWLTON MUSEUM.

The Brome County Historical Society

OFFICE AND MUSEUM AT
KNOWLTON, P. QUE.

*Was provisionally organized Aug. 18th, 1897. — Organization
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THE BROME COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On August 18th, 1897, a meeting was held in West Brome, near the site of the first habitation in the Township of Brome, and near the Dunham line.

This was presided over by the promoter of the movement, Lester Ball, Esq. of Brome. It took the form of a picnic in a grove on the farm of Eben Miltimore.

A platform was erected and seats provided. The speakers were: Judge Foster, Hon. Justice Lynch, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. H. Thos. Duffy, Rev. Ernest Taylor, and Col. Patten.

Steps were taken to form a Historical Society, first for the Township, and, later, for the County of Brome.

The officers selected at this time were: — *Honorary Presidents*, Lester Ball, Brome; Judge Foster, Knowlton; *President*, Hon. Judge Lynch; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Rev. Ernest M. Taylor, M. A., Knowlton.

Directors for Brome Township:— Hon. S. A. Fisher, Col. Patten, Jeremiah Pettes and James C. Pettes of West Brome.

The Knowlton Band was in attendance.

This centennial celebration of the issuance of Letters Patent was considered a very successful effort.

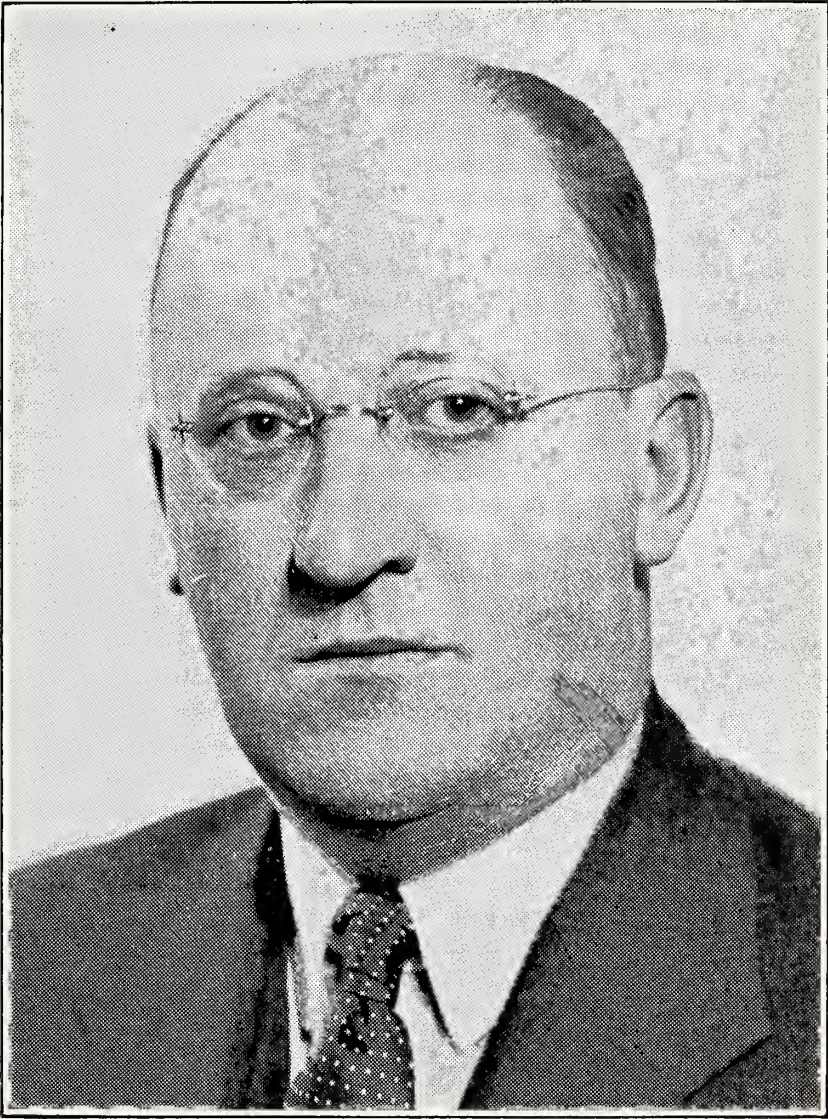
W. W. LYNCH,	ERNEST M. TAYLOR,
President.	Secretary-Treasurer.

N. B. — The above was taken from the first volume of the Transactions of the Historical Society.

It is interesting to note that, at the present time of writing, Jan., 1936, of all those mentioned above Rev. Ernest M. Taylor is the only living member.



FOSTER BAY - BROME LAKE



HOMER A. MITCHELL, M. A.
PRESIDENT OF THE BROME CO. HIST. SOCIETY

THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

The thirtieth annual meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Building at 2.00 P. M., on the 27th of August, 1927.

The President, Mr. H. S. Foster, in the chair.

There were also present Col. R. F. Stockwell, Dr. Paintin, Rev. Dr. Rexford, G. B. England, J. E. Fay, Canon Carmichael, three Misses Wheeler, Miss Annie Kenworthy; and the Secretary-Treasurer was also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following is the interim report of the Curator, Miss Mary Wheeler: - "The Museum opened July 1st and has been opened for four hours every day except Sunday.

Number of visitors before July were 35.

Number of visitors in July were 606.

In August to present day -- 494. Total 1135. Many of these entered several times but registered only once.

Olive Wheeler was Curator for the month of July, I having been Curator since August 1st." -- Mary Wheeler, Curator.

The Secretary made report that the Third Volume of Transactions has been published and 400 copies in paper and 200 copies in cloth boards and the Printer's Bill of \$603.20 had been promptly paid through the expenditure of the funds of the Society, the purchase of 100 copies of the cloth boards issue for which the Provincial Secretary has paid \$150.00. The purchase of 50 copies paper and 20 copies cloth boards by Hon. Senator G. G. Foster and the further advance of \$173.20 by Senator Foster which advance has been paid to the Senator.

Hon. Mr. Vilas has contributed \$5.00, and Mr. Z. E. Martin \$25.00 towards the publication, and further individual sales of volumes.

The premium of \$45.00 has been paid on a policy of fire Insurance.

And the Endowment of \$900.00 is intact.

And there is also a little more than one hundred dollars

in hand to be expended to further the publication of another volume of the Brome History.

The financial report was unanimously accepted.

On motion, thanks were extended to Senator Foster for the gift of two lawn seats, and to Mr. Proctor of the C. P. R. for one lawn seat, so that now we have 5 lawn seats. (N. B. The two lawn seats purchased by Senator Foster have since been moved to the grounds of St. Paul's Church. - E. M. T.)

The election of officers resulted in the following: *Honorary Presidents*, Hon. Senator G. G. Foster, and Z. E. Martin, Esq. *President*, H. S. Foster, Esq. *Vice-President*, Rev. A. E. Hagar, B. A. *Secretary-Treasurer*, Rev. Ernest M. Taylor, M. A. *Woman's Committee*, Mrs. S. W. Foster, *President*. Mrs. E. M. Taylor, *Vice-President*. Miss Mary Knowlton, *Secretary*.

Permanent members of the Trustee Board, the Rector of St. Paul's, Knowlton, and Thos. K. Foster, Esq., and the following were appointed as *Elective Members of the Trustees*; Messrs. D. A. Manson, Edgar C. Barnett, W. H. O'Regan, H. C. Ingalls, B.C.L. and Rev. Dr. E. I. Rexford.

On motion of Rev E. M. Taylor and seconded by Canon Carmichael it was unanimously agreed that the words "or September" be entered after the word August in the constitution, so that the article will read as follows:- "There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Society which shall take place in the month of August or September, each year."

A few persons paid fees which were recorded. The meeting adjourned.

A. E. Hagar,
Chairman.

Ernest M. Taylor,
Secretary-Treasurer.

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special Meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held on Oct. 3rd, 1927, at which were present Rev. E. M. Taylor, Hon. George Foster, Mr. H. S. Foster, Mr. M. H. Bedee, Canon Carmichael, and Mayor E. Fleury was also present.

A request was presented on behalf of the Knowlton Council by the Mayor, E. Fleury, N.P., duly authorized therefor that permission be granted the Council to place the tool building of the Corporation at the back end of the fire station.

At this Meeting the President, Mr. H. S. Foster, presided and it was moved by Mr. M. H. Bedee, seconded by Canon Carmichael and unanimously agreed to grant the above request but subject only to the following conditions:- "The conditions of the resolution passed on July 23rd, 1903 shall remain, the rental shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per year.

The work shall be done in a good and workmanlike manner, and so always maintained. All materials which shall be brought to the property leased to the Corporation shall be stored inside the building. The whole buildings, including the Fire Station, shall be well painted and renewed when needed, as well painted as repaired.

The color white as the Museum.

A. E. Hagar,
Vice-President.

Ernest M. Taylor,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

The Thirty-first Annual Meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Building on the 15th of Sept., 1928.

The Vice-President, Rev. A. E. Hagar, was in the chair.

There were present:- Canon Carmichael, Mr. C. O. and Mrs. Jones, sons and daughter Eleanor, Mr. J. E. Fay, Col. Stockwell, K.C., Mr. H. C. Ingalls, Mrs. E. M. Taylor, the Misses Rhoda and Mary Wheeler, Miss F. M. Lacarte, Miss Kenworthy, and the Secretary-Treasurer was also present.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting and also of the special October Meeting were read and, on motion of Canon Carmichael and Mr. Fay, were accepted.

The Curator, Miss Mary Wheeler, presented the following report:- "This Museum has been opened for four hours every

day, except Sunday, through the months of July, August, and one week in September.

There were 39 names registered before opening; in the month of July, 637, and in the month of August 666 with those in the first week of September making for this year of 1342.

There were also many who entered several times but who registered only once.

Some more articles and a few more books have been added to the Museum Collection."

An informal report was presented as to finances by the Secretary-Treasurer, in which he stated that Mr. Bedee, the Auditor, had to-day audited the books which showed a balance of \$12.10 in hand. The triennial premiums on three policies on the Buildings and Contents had been paid, amounting to \$54.50 since last January.

The proceeds from the visitors' contributions in the little box showed an increase.

The Endowment fund still stands at \$900.00

There is need for more than \$200.00 for pressing repairs. This report was, on motion of Mr. Ingalls and seconded by Mrs. E. M. Taylor, accepted and adopted.

On motion of Mr. J. E. Fay and Miss Mary Wheeler the following were appointed to make up a Committee to canvass for members and funds:-

Rev. E. M. Taylor, Mrs. S. W. Foster, Mr. M. H. Bedee, with power to add to their numbers. *Carried unanimously.*

It was moved by Rev. E. M. Taylor and seconded by Mr. H. C. Ingalls, and unanimously carried by a silent standing vote:

"That whereas our honoured President, Mr. H. S. Foster, has since our last Meeting been removed by death, we hereby record our high estimate of his services to this Society over which he has for so many years presided.

And we hereby extend to his brother, Mr. T. K. Foster, and other relatives our sincere sympathy; also record our respect for his memory as a public-minded citizen and generous supporter of this Society."

It was moved by Mr. H. C. Ingalls, seconded by Rev. E. M. Taylor and unanimously resolved: "That we, the Members

of the Brome County Historical Society in annual meeting assembled, desire to remind the Village Council that we expect the Corporation of the Village to abide by the Contract by which permission was given to place their Tool House on our ground, namely, that all material brought to the property is to be stored inside the building and not *outside*."

It was moved by Rev. Ernest M. Taylor, seconded by Mr. C. O. Jones, President of the Missisquoi County Historical Society, and unanimously resolved:-

"That we, the Members of the Brome County Historical Society here assembled, have learned with profound sorrow that illness confining him to bed prevents our generous Honorary President, the Honorable Senator G. G. Foster, K.C. from being with us on this occasion.

His recent letters received by the Secretary attest his warm interest in everything pertaining to the wellbeing of this Society, and we beg to assure him of our sympathy with him in his enforced rest, and sincerely hope it may soon be followed by a full restoration to health and strength; and his useful life be spared for many years to come."

The following officers were unanimously re-elected:-

Honorary Presidents, Hon. Senator G. G. Foster and Mr. Z. E. Martin.

Vice-President, Rev. A. E. Hagar, B. A.

Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Ernest M. Taylor, M. A.

Woman's Committee, Mrs. S. W. Foster, *President*. Mrs. E. M. Taylor, *Vice-President*, Miss Mary Knowlton, *Secretary*.

Permanent members of the Trustee Board, The Rector of St. Paul's, Knowlton, and Mr. T. K. Foster.

Elective Trustees, Messrs. D. A. Manson, Edgar C. Barnett, W. H. O'Regan, H. C. Ingalls, G. B. Foster, B. C. L. and Rev. E. I. Rexford, D. D. *Auditor*, Mr. M. H. Bedee.

On motion of Mr. Fay and seconded by Mr. H. C. Ingalls, the following persons were appointed to select a President, and to appoint, also, persons to be members of a Committee on grounds and improvements, namely, Hon. Senator G. G. Foster, Rev. A. E. Hagar and E. M. Taylor.

Mr. H. C. Ingalls, presented to the Museum a Grain Cradle which once belonged to the late Orin Shufelt of West Brome, and an antique Carpet Bag which once belonged to Mrs. Albert Spencer and given to Mr. Ingalls for the Museum by Miss Annie Spencer of West Brome.

Mr C. O. Jones gave an interesting address and presented to the Society some interesting documents.

Ernest M. Taylor,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Memo:

On the 17th of September, 1928, the Committee represented by Rev. E. M. Taylor waited upon Mr. H. S. Foster and offered to appoint him as President in the place vacated by death of his Uncle, H. S. Foster. Mr. Foster accepted the position and on learning the need of money at once contributed three hundred dollars to the funds of the Society.

E. M. Taylor,
Secretary.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

The Thirty-second Annual Meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the afternoon of the 7th. of Sept., 1929, in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Building with Doctor James MacKinnon presiding in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

The Meeting was opened by prayer offered by Rev. D. H. MacFarlane.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and, on motion of Miss Jennie Martin, were adopted.

The Secretary, Rev. E.M. Taylor, gave the following report: "During the year, in consequence of my extensive duties as Inspector of Schools and having temporary charge of an extra County from a vacant inspectorate, no considerable progress has been made in the preparation of a second volume of the Brome History.

It has been suggested that I be provided with a dictaphone

into which I might pour some of the reminiscences of my remembered past. If such a provision be made I would gladly use it.

We have been disappointed in the sale of the very valuable third volume of the Transactions of the Society, the issue of which very much depleted the funds of the Society. However, through the generosity of our new President, Mr. Hiram S. Foster, we have been enabled to make some substantial and needed repairs in and about the buildings.

The Martin Annex has received a new cement floor and the roof has been repaired; the front steps improved, and a waterway of cement has been made around the buildings. Nothing of any moment has been done on the grounds.

Senator Foster has given us a new flag.

I am not aware that any previous mention has been made of his generosity in constructing a cement platform for the reception of the Mounted Gun now on the grounds.

I very much regret the enforced absence of our new President whose business has taken him away to Europe. However, in discussing the matter with him, he assured me that next Spring it is his purpose to put on teams at his own expense and grade the grounds and set his trained gardener at the work of constructing a rose garden on the grounds. The evergreen trees planted at the expense of our venerated first President, the late Judge Lynch, have made rapid growth and now greatly add to the charm of our grounds. When the grounds are graded we should have the grass cut every week during the Summer, and thus make it an especial beauty spot of our already charming village.

It is particularly sad to me to note the ravages of death since our last annual meeting. No less than five of our former Trustees have been called away by death since we last assembled. I here record their names: Doctor A. J. Eaton, Messrs. D. A. Manson and H. A. Lawrence, Charter Members of the Society, each, however, at the time of death past 87 years of age.

Messrs. W.H. O'Regan and his intimate friend T.K. Foster passing away within a few days of each other. The latter, the

younger of the two, was in his 78th year.

Thos. Knowlton Foster was born May 30th, 1852, and died August 8th, 1929. He has for many years been one of the most generous supporters of this Society. He will be sadly missed, especially by those associated with him in many an endeavour for the public good.

His generous son is now our President, having the same name as his late Uncle whom he succeeds. The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, is credited with the saying "God buries His workmen but carries on His work." May the men whom we elect to-day carry forward the work of this Society in better form than their predecessors.

We have a small endowment of \$900.00. We need at least \$10,000.00 which, if invested in safe securities at 5 per cent, would yield enough to keep the grounds and building in order.

I regret to record that the Membership Committee has, throughout the year, done almost nothing. As I am soon to be relieved of the duties of the inspectorate, in which I have laboured for more than forty years, and if life and health be preserved, I hope to devote more time to the interests of the Society.

However, I expect to leave for California on Nov. 5th., but, fearing that I may not live to return in the Springtime, I am asking that you appoint the Rev. D. H. Macfarlane, M. A., B. D., as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer that there may be a promise of continuity of the work in case I do not return. The accounts of the Society were audited by our Auditor, Mr. M. H. Bedee, on Sept. 3rd and the balance on hand after all bills had been paid was found to be \$216.58. The repairs for this Summer to date have cost only \$121.73. I have found it necessary to be with the men and render what aid I could whenever the work was going on.

I regret to report that further repairs should be undertaken early next Spring as the sleepers under the downstairs floor in the Main Building have decayed, and the floor-boards are largely in the same condition; also the partition by the stairs has settled. As now we have ventilation holes in the foundation walls, there will be no further "dry-rotting" of the timbers; and, I trust, with the cement waterways about the buildings there

will be no further heaving of the walls of the buildings.

I have not realized my dream of a temporary threshing-floor, outside, on which to exhibit the operation of our rare wooden one-horse Threshing-machine. Perhaps that may come in another season. When it takes place it should draw an immense concourse of people to see it in operation threshing buckwheat.

This Society was provisionally organized August 18th, 1897, so we are now entering on the 33rd year of our existence as a Society. Every member representing Brome Township at the beginning, except myself, has passed away, and this may be my last report.

Thirty-two years ago we had no property and no Museum. The Museum began in my house and was transferred to the unfinished top flat of the New Academy until this property came into our hands. We have reason to be thankful for the progress made.

This Society has published three volumes of Transactions, and one volume of the History of Brome County.

This latter book has been placed in the Library of every English School in the County of Brome, through the interest of Hon. W. F. Vilas who is a life member of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Manley Taylor.

On motion, this report was adopted and the request was made by the Chairman for its publication.

The Curator, Miss Ruth Prouty, presented the following report: "The Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Museum has been open this Summer for four hours each day, except Sunday, during the months of July and August, also during the first week of September. Forty-five visitors registered before the formal opening on July 1st. During that month there were 674 visitors and in August 642. During the first week in Sept. there were 98, making a total of 1459. There were 117 more visitors this year than during the year of 1928." Ruth Prouty, Curator.

On motion of Rev. D. H. MacFarlane and seconded by Canon Carmichael, this report was adopted and the thanks of

the Society conveyed to Miss Ruth Prouty for the admirable manner in which she had discharged her duties.

On motion of Miss Martin and Miss Cook (who was present to represent Mrs. S. W. Foster) the following officers were duly elected:

Honorary Presidents- Hon. G. G. Foster, K. C. and Z. E. Martin.

President - H. S. Foster.

Secretary-Treasurer - Rev. E. M. Taylor, M. A.

Woman's Committee - Mrs. S. W. Foster, *President*. Mrs. E. M. Taylor, *Vice-President*. Miss Mary Knowlton, *Secretary*.

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Elective Trustees -- Messrs. Edgar C. Barnett, Rev. Dr. E. I. Rexford, Doctor James MacKinnon, G. B. Foster, B. C. L., H. B. Shufelt, H. C. Ingalls, Warren A. Kneeland, B. C. L., Col. R. F. Stockwell, M. A., B. C. L., K. C., Mr. C. O. Jones, Mr. H. V. Truell, B. A., B. C. L. and Mr. Damon E. Warner.

Auditor -- Mr. M. H. Bedee.

It was moved by Canon Carmichael, seconded by Rev. Mr. MacFarlane and carried that the Secretary be instructed to write letters of appreciation of the services of those Trustees who have recently passed away, and express sympathy for the friends of the deceased.

A letter was read from Edgar C. Barnett expressing regret at inability to be present at this meeting and enclosing \$5.00 as fees. He also requested that a resolution of condolence be sent to Miss Daisy Manson on the death of her father. He suggested the name of Mr. D. E. Warner as a successor to Mr. Manson.

A letter was received from Senator G. G. Foster regretting his physical inability to attend this meeting and enclosing a cheque for \$8.00 to pay for 8 members whose names he sent, and the fees paid by those present as well as those sent in amount to \$23.00.

It was moved by Rev. E. M. Taylor, seconded by Dr. James MacKinnon and unanimously resolved: "That we, the members of the Brome County Historical Society in Annual Meeting

assembled, have learned with pleasure that our beloved Honorary President, Hon. Senator Foster, is much improved in health, but we very much regret that he does not find himself sufficiently recovered to attend this Meeting, and we join with him in the glad hope that when another annual meeting is held we may be able to greet him fully restored to health. We hereby record our thanks for his gift of a flag, this Summer, which now floats from the pole on the Museum Building.

It is well known that the remarkably fine collection of war trophies is an evidence of his interest and generosity.

The Chairman, Dr. MacKinnon, made feeling reference to the departed Trustees who were all personally known to him and some of them had been his intimates for many years. He referred to the success which has attended the Society in its thirty odd years of existence.

Principal Greaves was welcomed as a Member.

The Meeting was then closed by singing "God Save the King."

Ernest M. Taylor,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

The Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held Sept. 27th, 1930, at 2.00 P. M. in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Building, the President, Mr. H. S. Foster, in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and, on motion of the Secretary and seconded by Mr. M. H. Bedee, were confirmed.

The Secretary reported that this Summer had been remarkable for the large number of visitors registering their names, and for the increased contributions in the Box, namely \$60.30. Among the expenditures he mentioned the premium having been paid to Mr. E. E. Mills, \$45.00; and the painting of the roofs, \$39.40. The balance now on hand being \$204.44.

Mr. Taylor asked for authority to purchase another Do-

minion Bond of \$100.00 to bring the endowment up to \$1000.00 it being now \$900.00. The report, on motion of Dr. James MacKinnon and Mr. H. B. Shufelt including authority to purchase the \$100.00 bond, was carried unanimously.

The Curator, Miss Ruth Prouty, presented the following report: "The Museum has been open for four hours every week-day during the months of July and August. During July 997 visitors registered and during August 596, making a total of 1593, an increase of about 128 over last year." Ruth Prouty, Curator.

The Secretary added that since the closing of the Museum no less than 24 had visited it and registered, to date, making a total of 1617.

On motion this report was adopted.

On motion of Dr. MacKinnon and seconded by Mr. H.B. Shufelt the following were duly elected as officers for the ensuing year:

Honorary-Presidents: Hon. Senator G. G. Foster, and Z. E. Martin.

President: Mr. H. S. Foster.

Secretary-Treasurer: Rev. E. M. Taylor, M. A.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer: Rev. D. H. MacFarlane, B. A., B. D.

Woman's Committee: Mrs. S. W. Foster, *President*. Miss Mary Knowlton, *Secretary*.

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Elective Trustees, Messrs. Edgar C. Barnett, Rev. Dr. E. I. Rexford, Dr. James MacKinnon, G. B. Foster, B. C. L., H. B. Shufelt, H. C. Ingalls, Warren A. Kneeland, B. C. L., C. O. Jones, H. V. Truell, B. A., B. C. L., Col. R. F. Stockwell, K.C., Mr. Damon E. Warner, and Mesdames L. M. Knowlton, B. A. and Geo. H. Robb.

Auditor; Mr. M. H. Bedee.

Among those present it is worthy of note that Dr. James MacKinnon motored out from Sherbrooke; that Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Shufelt came from Montreal, and that Mrs. S. W. Foster, now in her 95th year, climbed the stairs and took an active

interest in the proceedings.

Some conversation took place as to further repairs which should be made next Springtime before the Museum be formally reopened. The President outlined some extensive improvements which he hoped to make on the grounds.

The Meeting was closed by singing the National Anthem.

P. C. Duboyce,

Chairman pro tem.

Ernest M. Taylor,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Memo: - The Napoleon Bonaparte Gun was placed in the vault of the Registry Office, Sept. 1st, 1931.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

On the third of October, 1931, the 34th Annual meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the Paul Holland Knowlton Building. In the absence of the President, Mr. H. S. Foster, now in New York City, Mr. P. C. Duboyce, B. A., LL. B., was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read by the Secretary and, on motion by himself and seconded by Miss Mary Knowlton, were accepted.

The Secretary-Treasurer made the following report:-"The Endowment now is One Thousand Dollars invested in Dominion Bonds."

Some small repairs have been made since the last Meeting.

After closing the Museum for the season, August 31st, the book was audited on the 3rd of September, and there was then in the Bank \$126.23. Since that time a premium of \$15 has been paid to the Mount Royal Ins. Co. Three Histories at \$2.00 each have been sold during the season. The contributions from visitors have amounted to \$56.15. The Curator has been paid the sum of \$40.00 during the months of July and August.

Several interesting and valuable additions have been made to the Museum."

E. M. Taylor,

Secretary-Treasurer.

This report was, on motion, adopted.

The Curator's report showed a registration of 1141 names. The Secretary remarked that he had opened the door for visitors since that time and finds 74 more names, making the total number of registered visitors 1215, which is considerably less than the previous year. Among the visitors this Summer was Sir Henry Meier who was remarkably interested in the Museum, and paid one dollar, thus qualifying himself for membership in this Society.

Regrets at inability to attend were reported from several members and among them was one from Mr. C. O. Jones, President of the Missisquoi County Historical Society. One came from Mr. Marler Bancroft who, however, sent \$10.00 to the funds of the Society.

Miss Ruth Prouty has now for the third season faithfully performed the duties of Curator of the Museum.

It was moved by Dr. James MacKinnon, seconded by Rev. E. M. Taylor and unanimously resolved: "That we, the Members of the Brome County Historical Society in Annual Meeting assembled, desire to record our high esteem for our late Honorary President, Hon. G. G. Foster, K. C., Senator of the Dominion, who has been one of the most generous supporters of the Society in every department of its endeavour. In the past we have relied upon his clear judgment and been aided by his advice as a lawyer of great prominence. In following the path he has indicated we always found safety. We greatly deplore his death and deeply sympathize with his venerable Mother, his wife and family, and hereby direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. S. W. Foster and to his widow, Mrs. G. G. Foster."

In moving this resolution Dr. MacKinnon spoke very feelingly, stating that words are inadequate to express our sense of the loss we have sustained in his departure. This was then accepted by the audience standing in respectful silence.

Mrs. S. W. Foster, now in her 96th year, was again present.

It was moved by Rev. E. M. Taylor, seconded by Dr. James MacKinnon and unanimously resolved: "That we, the Members of the Brome County Historical Society in Annual Meet-

ing assembled, do greatly regret the absence of Rev. Canon Carmichæl from our midst today, and we deeply sympathize with him in his affliction; and recognizing his long and active interest in this organization from its early beginnings we hereby appoint him as one of the Elective Trustees of the Brome County Historical Society, and we sincerely hope that at the next Annual Meeting we may have the pleasure of his presence."

It was noted that among the recent additions to the Museum is a picture of the Old Methodist Church in Knowlton, and a collection of Copper Coins by Mr. H. B. Shufelt of Montreal.

There is also a Bear-trap returned to the County from Massachusetts by the grandson, Mr. Sidney Hopps. The doughty bear Hunter was known as "Daddy Hopps," and he was credited with having captured no less than 107 bears in the vicinity of Orford Mountain between the years 1840 and 1885.-- E. M. Taylor, Sec.-Treas.

The following are the Officers duly elected for the next year:

Honorary Presidents: James MacKinnon, D. C. L. and Z. E. Martin.

President: H. S. Foster, Esq.

Secretary-Treasurer: Rev. E. M. Taylor.

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer: Rev. D. H. MacFarlane, M.A., B.D.

Woman's Committee: Mrs. S. W. Foster, *President.* Mrs. E. M. Taylor, *Vice-President.* Miss Mary Knowlton, *Secretary.*

Permanent Members of the Trustee Board: the Rector of St. Paul's, Knowlton, and Mr. Marler Bancroft.

Elective Trustees: Messrs. Edgar C. Barnett, Rev. Dr. E. I. Rexford, P. C. Duboyce, Canon Carmichæl, G. B. Foster, B. C. L., H. B. Shufelt, H. C. Ingalls, Warren A. Kneeland, B. C. L., C. O. Jones, H. V. Truell, B. A., B. C. L., Col. R. Stockwell, K. C., M. L. A., Damon Warner, and Mesdames L. M. Knowlton, B. A., and Geo. H. Robb.

Auditor. Mr. M. H. Bedee.

Ernest M. Taylor,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

The thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Building at the hour of 3.00 P. M., D.S.T., August 27th, 1932.

In the absence of the President now in New York City, Col. R. F. Stockwell, B. A., B. C. L., K. C., M. L. A., was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the Secretary and were adopted.

The following is the report of the Curator: "The Museum has been open for four hours each weekday during the months of July and August. During the month of July there were 567 registered visitors, and during August 413, making a total of 980 to date.

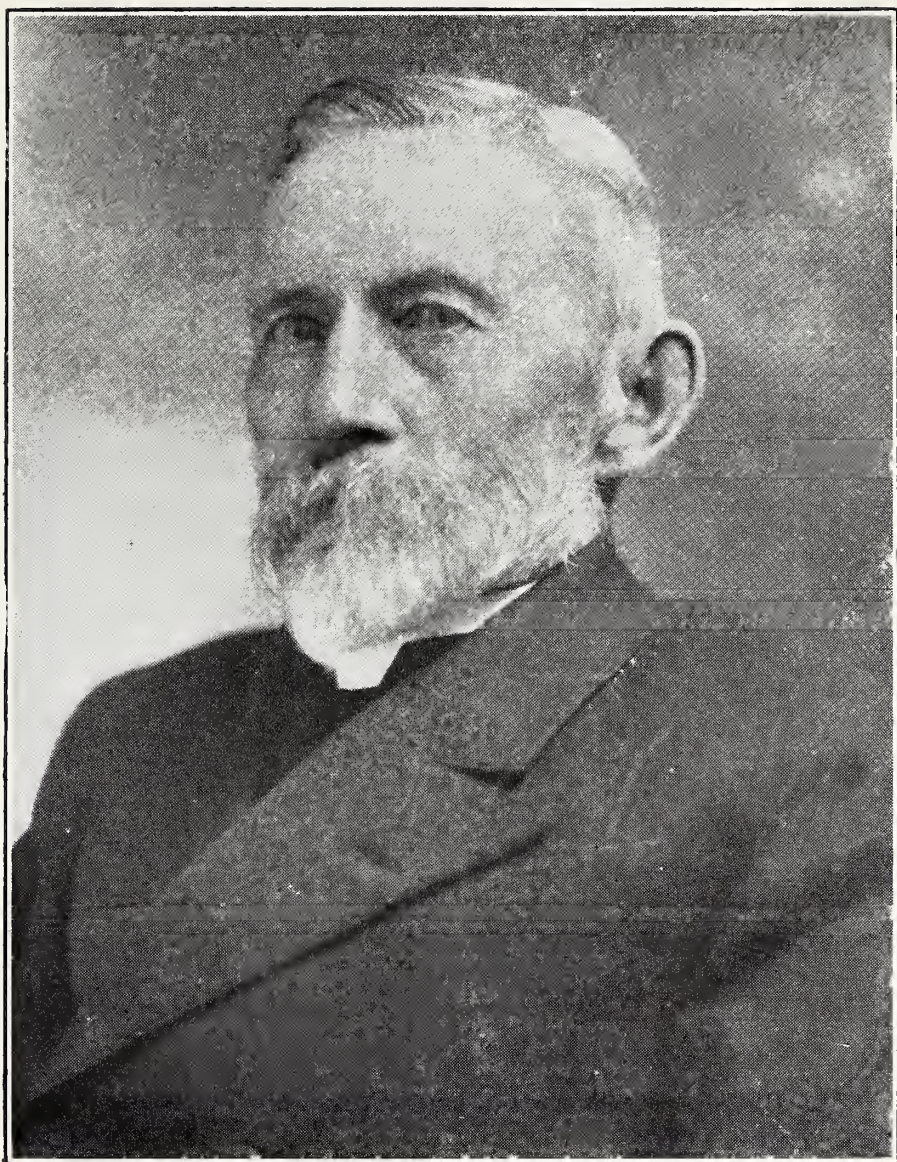
Miss Eileen McLaughlin resigned on August 12th, and I have taken her place for the remainder of the month." (signed) Mrs. H. A. Pettes. August 27th, 1932.

On motion of Rev. E. M. Taylor and seconded by Dr. MacKinnon the report was adopted.

The following is the report of the Secretary-Treasurer: "In making my 35th annual report I may be pardoned for referring very briefly to the past. The Society originated in October, 1897, at a Centennial picnic held at the Eben S. Miltimore farm in West Brome near the Dunham Line, and near the site of the first known habitation in Brome Township. We knew it was there in 1795 as Surveyors have recorded that they were entertained by Mr. Henry Collins at that time. At how early a date he had settled there we have no means of knowing.

At this picnic which was promoted by the late Lester Ball there were many noted speakers, among whom were Judge Lynch, Judge Foster, Hon. S. A. Fisher and Hon. H. T. Duffy.

At the close of the programme I remarked to Judge Lynch that our County should have a Historical Society. He replied "I agree with you, but I am too busy to take the initiative." To which I said, "Will you take the Presidency if I will be the



Yours truly
Ernest M. Taylor

‘Secretary-Treasurer and do all the work?’ He at once shouted to the people then dispersing and we proceeded to a provisional organization.

This was soon after followed by centennial celebrations in Potton and Bolton, which Townships were organized in 1797, the same as Brome Township. Later celebrations followed in Sutton and East Farnham when their celebrations were due. We erected a huge boulder on the site of the Collins’ house in Brome which can be seen from the line road between Brome and Dunham.

Mr. Ball lived to see the Society prosperous, and the Museum which began in my house conveyed to the new High School, and later in legal possession of the present property. He was able to read the newspapers after he was one hundred years of age, and in his one hundred and first year he penned the letter which is framed and hanging on the Eastern chimney of this room.

We have now many interesting curios and some books of date 1640, and one of 1637. A Double-barreled Rifle damascened in gold and with flint locks, which was made to the order of Napoleon Bonaparte, was the gift of Mr. C. Bancroft.

Our war-trophies Annex was erected at the expense of Mr. Z. E. Martin of Chicago, and its contents obtained at the expense of his fellow-student, when this building was known as an Academy, the late generous Senator G. G. Foster.

We now have a small endowment which is invested in Dominion Bonds and is of the value of One Thousand Dollars. I have long felt that it should be at least Ten Thousand Dollars so that my successor in office might receive a salary.

We have in the Bank of Commerce now \$174.17, but when the Curator’s salary is fully paid for the only two months in which we keep the Museum open, and one outstanding bill, our available funds will be only about \$150.00.

Extensive repairs must soon be made. The sills and sleepers, or undergirders on which the floor rests, have rotted out and the floor has sunken 2 or 3 inches, loosening the posts supporting the upper floor. We may have to make an especial plea for funds to meet the expense. It is dangerous to delay

longer than next month. This will necessitate the temporary removal of a great number of cases and curios.

As I was nearing fifty years of age at the inception of this movement, the time cannot be far distant when you must accept my resignation, which was tabled years ago, and replace me; as in all seriousness I do not propose to carry this burden which has been a labour of love beyond my 90th birthday.

There is one of our younger Trustees, Mr. H. B. Shufelt, to whom I would be glad to hand over all my historical gatherings and my work. His grandfather, the late James Ball, was a brother of our first Honorary President, Mr. Lester Ball. Also, Mr. Shufelt is as much interested in local history as ever I have been. Were he a resident here I would urge his appointment at once, and he may be able to do the work from Montreal. I desire that those of you who may survive me would keep in mind my wishes in this regard.

The free contributions have been less this year than for several previous years. The total to date this year has been but \$24.59, whereas the contributions for the month of July alone in 1930 were \$28.86.

I earnestly hope that when I have departed this life this Society and Museum may have an ever increasing patronage and enlarged endowment, and consequent success."

Ernest M. Taylor,

Secretary-Treasurer.

The adoption of this report was moved by the Rev. E. M. Taylor, seconded by Mr P. C. Duboyce and supported by Mr. C. O. Jones and Dr. James MacKinnon who asked that it be incorporated in the minutes and published. Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Rev. E. M. Taylor, seconded by Mr. C. O. Jones and carried unanimously: "That we all regret the absence from our Meeting on this occasion of the Rev. Canon Carmichael, and hereby extend to him our warmest sympathy."

Referring to the necessity of repairs to the Building, it was moved by Dr. J. MacKinnon and seconded by Mr. P. C. Duboyce: "That the Secretary-Treasurer of the Brome County

Historical Society is hereby authorized to proceed with the necessary repairs to the building and, if necessary, to borrow money from the Bank to meet the expense until the next annual meeting." Carried unanimously. When the work of repairing is completed it was suggested that the Secretary make a report to the interested members.

The chairman, Col. Stockwell, asked what could be done to stimulate an interest in the work of the Society. As no suggestions were forthcoming, the Secretary expressed the thought that if someone were to hold meetings in the different Township centers of the County, and issue circulars descriptive of the work of the Society, this might bring satisfactory results, and he offered to undertake something of this kind of effort. This met with marked approval, and the Chairman and others promised coöperation whenever meetings should be held in the vicinity in which each resided, or near their homes.

The fees were then paid and recorded.

On motion the officers of last year were duly reëlected and the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary.

Ernest M. Taylor,
Secretary-Treasurer.

August 31st, 1932.

The Museum was closed for the season today. The subscription, or free collection, amounted to \$1.65 for the time after the report of the Curator for the Annual Meeting, and 86 more visitors registered, making a total for July and August of 1066 persons.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Brome County Historical Society was convened for annual assembly on Saturday, September 2nd, 1933, under the Chairmanship of Dr. James MacKinnon, Hon. Pres.

There were present: Rev. Dr. E. I. Rexford, Miss Mary Knowlton, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mitchell, Vera Porritt, Mr. G. B. Foster, K. C., C. Gordon MacKinnon, K. C., Mr. M. H. Bedee, Mrs. Locke, Mrs. Taylor, Mr.

L. M. Knowlton, Mr. H. B. Shufelt, Rev. A. E. Rollit, Rev. E. D. Mitchell, Mr. A. Stuart Ewing, Mr. Gordon Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Jones, Dr. MacKinnon, and the Secretary, Rev. E. M. Taylor.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and accepted.

The Curator made the following report: "The Museum was opened on Saturday, July the first, and has been open for four hours each weekday until yesterday, Sept. 1st. The number of visitors for July was 490, while for August they numbered 556. An additional number of 22 registered on Sept. 1st, thus making a total of 1068 for the season.

Several additions have been made to the collection, among which are a large number of articles donated by Mrs. Foster through her daughter, Mrs. Baillie; and also a collection made by Mr. C. A. Jackson and donated by his daughter, Miss C.M. Jackson." Vera Porrit, Curator.

On motion this report was unanimously adopted.

The Secretary made the following report: "Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:- In presenting this, the 36th annual report, I express my deep sympathy with the President for the last few years, Mr. H. S. Foster the Third, in the overwhelming financial losses he has sustained during the last few years, taking from him his valuable holdings in our village. He had generously planned benefactions which would have made our grounds a beauty spot, and the joy of Knowlton and its many visitors. I regret that our available funds do not permit us to expend the labour on the grounds which would make them compare favourably with those of the Pettes Memorial and the High School grounds.

I had hoped that some of our friends who have passed away during the last few years would have by legacies so increased our small endowment, now invested in Dominion Bonds, as to have enabled us, at least, to smooth the grounds and keep the grass cut. But disappointment met my appeals.

However, very much needed and valuable repairs have been made since our last annual meeting, very largely aided by the Woman's Committee under the leadership of the late Mrs.

Foster, and the Secretary, Miss Mary Knowlton. At the close of the meeting we invite you to inspect these repairs which included the drawing of many loads of stone and gravel by team owners, free of charge, as well as the many for which some of them received pay for labour and lumber; we expended \$44.20 for cement.

In this connection I appeared before the Village Council and was well received. I asked for the free use of the Municipal apparatus for cement mixing and work, and for, to us, the free services of the capable Road and Water Superintendent, Mr. Joseph Needham. On favourable comment as to my request by our genial Mayor, Mr. Fleury, my request was granted. Notwithstanding this generosity and that of others in kind, the cash outlay was \$144.64. On this, the Woman's Committee must be credited with a little more than half, namely \$77.00.

Many additions to the Museum have been made since the last annual meeting. Many things have come to us from Mrs. Foster's estate through her daughter, Mrs. John Baillie. Our space is becoming congested so that some way must be devised to increase wall space for pictures, etc. This may be done by converting some of our space into alcoves.

Our new Curator has given general satisfaction.

There are no outstanding bills against us, and there is now a credit balance of \$90.55 which will be augmented by the fees today and the Coupons to be cut off in October. During the years of the past, whenever there was enough to our credit so that we could spare one hundred dollars from pressing needs, this hundred has been invested in Government Bonds so, with the one hundred dollars Mrs. Foster gave us several years ago, we now have an endowment of One Thousand Dollars. This should be increased to ten thousand, as it can hardly be expected that my successor will spend the time necessary for success, in which I have found pleasure since 1897 when we organized, without adequate remuneration. However, with the able assistance of a young man, whom I hope you will this day appoint, as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. B. Shufelt, I am willing, if you so desire and

if Divine Providence favours me with continuance of physical and mental strength, to continue, as in the past, to serve this organization until I leave the octogenarian class and become a nonogenarian.

Mr. Shufelt has for several years been one of our most enthusiastic supporters of the Museum. He is at this time the Secretary of a North American Genealogical Society, and was born and reared in the County and Township of Brome.

I am glad to report that he has acquired property in our Village, on which he has constructed a summer home.

We have also another citizen whose coming among us gives us new courage, as he has long been especially interested in Canadian History. I refer to Mr. Homer Mitchell.

He and his good wife, are natives of the Eastern Townships and, naturally, he is particularly interested in the part of Canadian History which deals with his birthplace.

Mr. Mitchell is now proprietor of the palatial home which recently belonged to Hiram S. Foster, and it is interesting to note that Mrs. Mitchell is a grand-daughter of the late Dr. Hershell Foster, son of the celebrated Dr. Stephen Sewell Foster. Thus the property is still the home of one of the Foster family.

When we come to the election of officers, I hope that we may secure Mr. Mitchell as our new President.

On motion this report was received and adopted:

The Secretary reported letters of regret received from E. C. Barnett, enclosing his membership fee, and from Col. Stockwell; also a telegram from P. C. Duboyce, and one from R. M. H. Duboyce.

On motion of Mr. G. B. Foster, K. C., the following were unanimously elected as officers for the ensuing year:-

Honorary Presidents: James Mackinnon, D.C.L., and Z. E. Martin.

President: Homer A. Mitchell, M. A.

Secretary-Treasurer: Rev. E. M. Taylor, M. A.

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer: H. B. Shufelt.

Woman's Committee:- *President,* Mrs. L. M. Knowlton, B. A. *Vice-President,* Mrs. E. M. Taylor. *Secretary,* Miss Mary Knowlton.

Permanent Members of the Trustee Board:- the Rector of St. Paul's, Knowlton, and Mr. Marler Bancroft.

Elective Trustees:- Messrs. E. C. Barnett, H. C. Ingalls, Rev. Dr. E. I. Rexford, P. C. Duboyce, B.A., LL.B., N.P., G. B. Foster, B.C.L., K.C., W. A. Kneeland, B.C.L., C. O. Jones, H. V. Truell, B.A., B.C.L., Col. R. F. Stockwell, B.A., B.C.L., M.L.A., K.C., and Mesdames L. M. Knowlton, B.A. and Geo. H. Robb.

Auditor:- Mr. M. H. Bedee.

On motion of Rev. E. M. Taylor Mr. Bedee was heartily thanked for his services for many years freely rendered as Auditor.

Moved by Mrs. E. M. Taylor, seconded by Miss Mary Knowlton and resolved: "That whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His wise Providence to take from our midst on the 9th of last April Mrs. S. W. Foster, the venerable President of the Woman's Committee of the Historical Society, we, the Members of the Brome County Historical Society in Annual Meeting assembled, desire to record our high esteem in which she has long been held.

In her capacity as President of the Woman's Committee she has been unremitting in her performance of the duties pertaining to her office; notwithstanding her advanced age of 97 years. Since the last annual meeting she has not only subscribed generously towards the repairs on the building, but has solicited from her friends, so that no less a sum than \$77.00 has been raised by the Woman's Committee. Of this sum she and her daughter, Mrs. John Baillie, contributed \$50.00. Several years ago she contributed to our endowment fund one hundred dollars.

We hereby extend to her daughter, and the members of the family of the deceased, our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that her mantle may fall upon deserving shoulders; and we hereby direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Baillie.

This was unanimously carried by a standing vote in solemn silence.

Moved by Rev. E. M. Taylor, seconded by Rev. Dr. Rexford and unanimously resolved: "That whereas since our

last meeting our beloved Canon Carmichael has been called away to his Eternal reward, we, the Members of the Brome County Historical Society in Annual Meeting assembled, desire to record our high esteem for him in all the relations of life, and the affectionate regard in which he was held by all classes of this Community in which he, for so many years, laboured for the good of humanity. His unfailing urbanity, his quaint Irish wit, his abiding interest in this Society and its Museum, are well known to all who had the privilege of his acquaintance. When, like Milton of old, he found "Knowledge at one entrance quite shut out," his interest in the local organizations, of which he had long been a valued and honoured member, did not suffer abatement, though he was unable to take the same active part as in the many years of the past.

His friendships were not confined to the Denomination over which he, in this locality, presided.

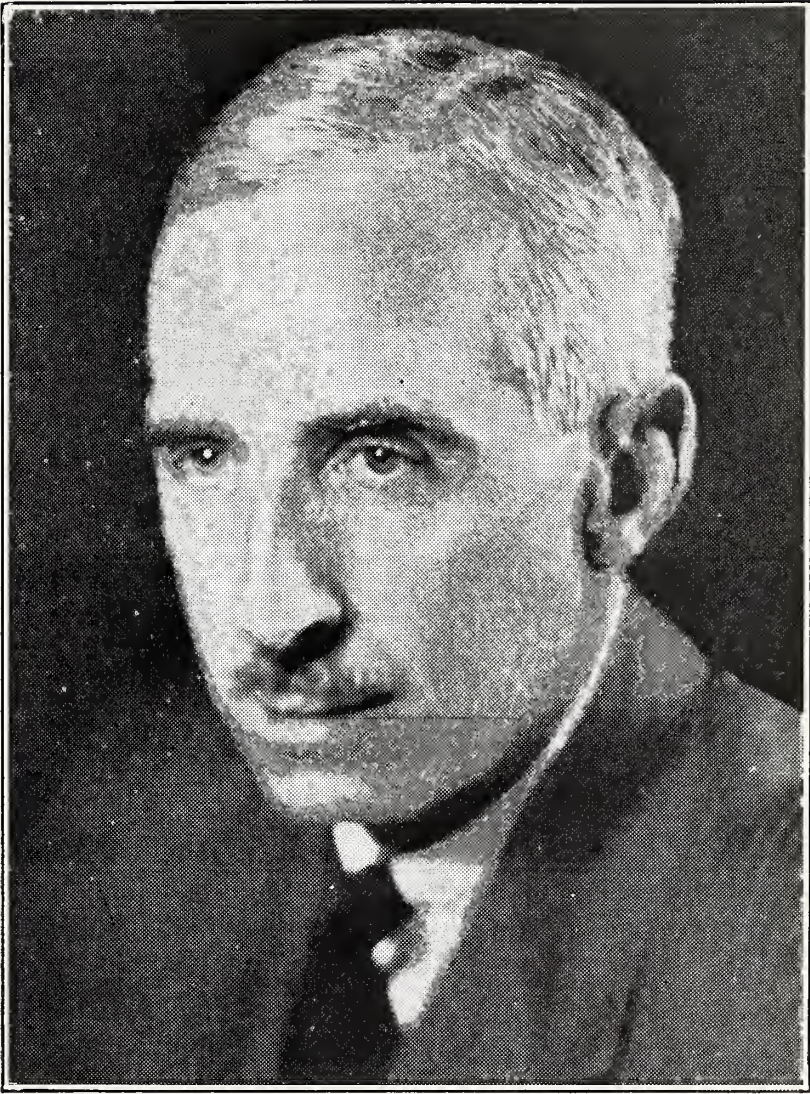
We hereby extend to Mrs. Carmichael and the members of her family our heartfelt and prayerful sympathy in the loss she, they, and we have sustained."

I move that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Carmichael. This was carried by a standing vote in solemn silence.

The President-Elect, Mr. Homer Mitchell, was called to the chair and thanked the Society for the honour done him; he promised to do all in his power to serve the interests of the Society. Though he is not a native of the County, he is now a President and is much interested in historical research.

Rev. Dr. Rexford referred to the report of the Secretary and said many people do not realize the value and importance of such a Society as this. There are also many unrecorded facts resting now only in the brain and memory of elderly people. These should be committed to writing. In this connection he referred to the Secretary who has many events in his memory which should, while he is able to do so, be recorded.

Mr. C.O. Jones, President of the Missisquoi Historical Society, was called upon and gave some interesting facts concern-



COL. THE HON. RALPH FREDERICK STOCKWELL,
B. A., B. C. L., K. C., V. D., M. L. A., R. O.

ing early pioneer events.

It was moved by Dr. James MacKinnon and seconded by Mr. Bedee: "That, in the opinion of the members of the Society, something should be done to restore the name of *Yamaska* Lake to its original name instead of *Brome*. The only known reason for calling it by the name of Brome being that it lies within Brome Township, and that the President and Secretary be, and they are hereby, requested to take the matter up and see what can be done about it. *Carried*."

Some interesting remarks were made by several members re place names. Among them reference was made to the fact that in 1815 Rev. Mr. Stewart, afterwards Bishop Stewart, used the name Eastern Townships. Huntingdon County beyond the Richelieu with its townships was called Western Townships, while Seigneuries east of the Richelieu were western boundaries of the Eastern Townships.

Rev. A. E. Rollit suggested that some kind of a Composition Contest be arranged among school children along lines of local history, in order to interest the youth more in the work of the Historical Society. One condition might be that each contestant make a visit to the Museum and some feature there be studied.

This suggestion was favourably considered, and referred to the Secretaries and President who were to draw up a scheme.

Membership fees were then received and recorded, and the Meeting adjourned.

Ernest M. Taylor
Secretary-Treasurer.

Memo:

The Bonaparte Gun was placed in the care of Mayor Fleury for safe keeping, until opening next season, by the Secretary. Sept. 7th, 1933.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Society was

held in the Paul Holland Knowlton Memorial Building on the 15th of Sept., 1934, following the District of Bedford Graduates' Society.

In consequence of the absence of the President, Mr. H. A. Mitchell, in California, Hon. Col. Stockwell was asked to preside, there being neither of the Honorary Presidents present.

There were present;- Mesdames H. Scott, E. M. Taylor, L. M. Knowlton, G. H. Robb; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Layton, Miss M. E. Scott; Reverends Rexford, Rollit and Mitchell; Messrs. Francis N. Williams, Marcus Martin, C. A. Adams, Miles, H. Mandigo, H. B. Shufelt, L. M. Knowlton and E. M. Greaves. The Secretary was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, on motion, were accepted.

The following is the report of the Curator, Mr. H. Mandigo:- "The Museum this year has been kept open every weekday from July 2nd to Sept. 1st, between the hours of 10 to 12 in the morning, and 3 to 5 in the afternoon.

The visitors who registered in July numbered 601, and for August 859, making a total of 1460.

Miss Vera Porritt began her duties as last year on July 2nd, but owing to a serious attack of appendicitis she was unable to continue her duties after July 4th, and was succeeded by me, Harold Mandigo."

N. B. :-

Since closing, 19 more have registered making 1479 for the summer.

The Secretary reported that it was the intention of the wife of the President to secure members at the Brome Fair, had she not gone to California with her husband. During the year since the last annual meeting several interviews have been held between the President, Sec'y and Mr. E. L. Judah, Supervisor of McGill Museum, with the result that One Thousand dollars have been promised from the Carnegie Museum Fund to defray expenses of cataloguing, reorganizing and making of cases, etc.

To this end Mr. Judah, in company with his son Lionel,

Miss Johannsen and Mr. Renaud, the Curator of the Chateau de Ramsay, Montreal, have today been at work for two or three hours, taking measurements and mapping the space in the rooms here. Mr. Judah expressed regret that they were unable to remain with us for our meeting.

During the year another Dominion Bond has been added to our Endowment which is now \$1100.00 —it should be as many thousands.

During the last twelve months all of our Policies on the Buildings and Contents have had to be renewed, costing \$87.00, and are now paid for three years. Painting the roofs has cost \$49.50. As the free contributions from visitors have not been sufficient to pay the Curator, who received \$20.00 a month, our funds have been exhausted. However, with payment of membership fees yet to be received and coupons to be cut off in October, there will be enough to liquidate the Society's indebtedness to the Sec.-Treas. of, at present, \$32.93. The accounts have been audited by our Auditor, Mr. M. H. Bedee.

On motion of Mr. Williams and seconded by Principal Greaves, the Report was accepted.

Letters were read by the Secretary from Col. R. F. Stockwell, Messrs. P. C. Duboyce, P. S. Fisher, C. O. Jones and Ellsworth S. Gleason.

The Election of Officers was then proceeded with, as follows:-

Honorary Presidents:- James MacKinnon, D. C. L. and Z. E. Martin, Esq.

President:- Mr. H. A. Mitchell, reëlected on motion of the Secretary and seconded by Rev. E. D. Mitchell.

Secretary:- Rev. E. M. Taylor, reëlected on motion of Mr. L. M. Knowlton and seconded by Mrs. George Robb.

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer:- Mr. H. B. Shufelt, reëlected on motion of Rev. E. M. Taylor and seconded by Mr. E. M. Greaves.

Woman's Committee:- Mrs. L. M. Knowlton, the *President*, resigned and nominated Mrs. Homer A. Mitchell, which was seconded by the Secretary.

Mrs. E. M. Taylor, *Vice-President*, was reëlected on motion of Rev. E. D. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. E. M. Greaves.

Miss Mary Knowlton, *Secretary*, was re-elected on motion of Mrs. G. H. Robb, seconded by Mrs. E. M. Taylor.

Permanent Members of The Trustee Board:- The Rector of St. Paul's, Knowlton, and Mr. Marler Bancroft.

Elective Trustees:- On motion of the Secretary and seconded by Principal Greaves, the following were appointed as Trustees: Rev. Dr. E. I. Rexford, Messrs. Edgar C. Barnet, P. C. Duboyce, LL. B., N. P., G. B. Foster, B. C. L., W. A. Kneeland B. C. L., C. O. Jones, Hon. Col. Stockwell, B. C. L., B. A., M. L. A., H. V. Truell, B. A., B. C. L., F. N. Williams, Rev. E. D. Mitchell, and Mesdames L. M. Knowlton, B. A., and G. H. Robb.

Auditor:- Mr. M. H. Bedee.

Rev. Dr. Rexford stated that, through the Fisher Fund, a large amount of information has been gained, by the active and competitive coöperation of 36 teachers in the Elementary Schools of the County of Brome, who have submitted essays re their respective schools and the items of history obtained.

That all of these essays, with prefatory remarks made by Rev. E. M. Taylor, for over 40 years Inspector of Schools in the County, are to be suitably bound and placed in the Museum for future reference.

Prizes in cash have been awarded to those teachers for their essays. These essays contain much valuable folklore of the County for future historians. Dr. Rexford stated that he had found them so interesting he had read them over three times.

Inspector Wells has also read them over and, with Dr. Rexford, has estimated the relative values. This valuable accumulation of statements are as trustworthy as can be obtained at the present time.

Dr. Rexford referred to the fact that his mother taught in the Stone Schoolhouse at Tibbitt's Hill.

The Secretary showed the original deed of the South Bolton School Ground, executed in 1829, which deed was

saved from the flames by a son of Wm. Randall, and taken to the late Horace Green who gave it to the Museum for safe keeping.

Mr. Williams stated that he had a book of records of contributions to send comforts overseas during the World War. He said he is ready to hand these over to the Museum with the grateful letters received from "the boy's overseas."

The Secretary read a letter from the Museum Committee of the Carnegie Fund promising the aid above referred to.

The Assistant - Secretary, Mr. H. B. Shufelt, presented the greetings of the Columbia County, N. Y., Historical Society, of which he is a member, which greetings were reciprocally received.

The fees paid at this time were received and recorded.

Rev. Dr. Rexford closed the meeting at the request of Col. Stockwell presiding.

Ernest M. Taylor,
Secretary - Treasurer.

THIRTY - EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Thirty - eighth Annual Meeting of the Brome County Historical Society was held in the afternoon of Sept. 7th, 1935, following the McGill Graduates' meeting.

In the absence of the President, Mr. H. A. Mitchell, Mr. C. O. Jones, President of the Missisquoi Society, was called to the chair.

There were present :- Hon. A. R. McMaster, K. C., Mrs. C. B. Jameson, Principal E. M. Greaves, M. A., Mrs. C. O. Jones and daughter Eleanor, Madame F. X. A. Giroux, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Layton, Rev. E. D. Mitchell, Rev. A. E. Rollit, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Knowlton, Miss Mary Knowlton, Mrs. Wm. Barker, Mr. P. C. Duboyce, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Giroux, Mrs. George Robb, Mr. N. Bertrand, Mrs. E. M. Taylor, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. F. P. Williams, Mr. H. B. Shufelt, Mr. Ernest Ball and others. The Secretary-Treasurer was also present.

After the reading of the minutes, which were accepted

on motion of the Secretary seconded by Mr. P. E. Layton, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:-

1.-"Resolved that the Reverend Ernest M. Taylor is hereby authorized, for and in the name of the Brome County Historical Society, to draw, accept, sign and make all or any Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Checks and Orders for the payment of money to pay and receive all monies and to give acquittance for the same; to assign and transfer to the Bank all or any Stock, Bonds and other securities; from time to time to borrow money from the Bank of Montreal, either by overdrawing the account of the undersigned or otherwise; and generally, for and in the name of the said Society, to transact with the said Bank any business he may see fit; also that the Rev. Ernest M. Taylor is hereby authorized on behalf of the said Society to negotiate with, deposit with, or transfer to the said Bank (for credit of the said Society account only) all Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Checks, or Orders for the payment of money and other negotiable paper; and for the said purpose to endorse the same, or any of them, on behalf of the said Society; also from time to time to arrange, settle, balance and certify all books and Accounts between the said Society and the Bank; and to receive all paid Cheques and Vouchers, and to sign the Bank's form of settlement of balances and release.

2. - It was moved by Mr. P. C. Duboyce, seconded by Mr. W. A. Kneeland and unanimously resolved:- That the Rev. E. M. Taylor and Mr. Homer A. Mitchell, or any one of them, are hereby authorized to have access to Safety Deposit Box Number 68 in the vaults of the Bank of Montreal, Knowlton, Que. Branch, which is in the name of the Brome County Historical Society.

The following communication from the President was read by the Chairman, C. O. Jones: " Ladies and Gentlemen:- I must first offer my apologies for not being present at this Annual Meeting of the Society, but circumstances over which I have no control have made it necessary for me to be away at this time.

This report I feel should cover my duties for the past two

years since I was honoured by election to the office of President.

At the beginning of my term of office, I felt it proper that I should acquire some knowledge regarding the past history of the Brome County Historical Society, and I, therefore, took the opportunity of reading through the various transactions covering the operations of the Society since its inception. From these reports one thing remains in my mind above all else and that is the debt of gratitude which the Members of this Society owe to the Founder, the Rev. E. M. Taylor, for the burden which he has carried so successfully for so many years, and I want to take this opportunity of paying my tribute to him for the effort which he has given to this work.

The application which we made last year to the Carnegie Corporation for a grant was favourably received and, in the early part of the summer of this year, we duly received from them a cheque for One Thousand dollars (1000,) to be used in re-organizing the Museum and properly equipping it. Upon receipt of this money we conferred regarding what improvements should be made and, as you have perhaps noticed, certain changes have been brought about. We, first of all, properly indexed all articles in the Museum, both under the name of the article and under the name of the donor, so that we have at the present time full information relative to each exhibit. We also arranged at the same time a Register Book which contains additional information on the same subjects.

We built three display cases in which we could place the smaller articles properly numbered where they would be open to inspection of visitors, but at the same time would be under lock and key, which we felt was the proper method to use in a Museum of this sort. These cases were built in Knowlton, using local labour.

We procured a steel filing cabinet into which we have placed all documents, of which there are a large number. All are exceedingly valuable, and a great source of information relative to the early days of commerce in the County of Brome. During the next few months it is our expectation that we will properly index all these documents, and then

they will be open to anyone doing research work who should come to us properly introduced. The books which are contained in the upper room have been carefully gone over, and we have placed those which we deem to be the most valuable in a book-case which can also be locked.

There are other changes which, as time goes on, it is the intention of your Committee to bring about, and I think that the report of the Curator will show that the attendance has been fairly good during the past two months.

In closing this report, I want to particularly stress the gratitude which this Society owes to Mr. Lionel Judah, of McGill University, who has not only given us many good suggestions from years of experience in this work himself, but also has been of great assistance to us in directing our efforts along the lines which he knows are proper in Museum work, and I have always found him ready and willing to help us in every way possible. I feel particularly indebted to him for his sage council and splendid coöperation during the past year."

Knowlton, Sept. 7th, 1935.

(Signed) H. A. Mitchell,

President.

The following is the Secretary's report:-

"Ladies and Gentlemen:- In making this, my 38th annual report, I will try to be brief.

The Museum which started in my home has grown beyond the fondest dreams of the founders of the Society. As time passed on we occupied the upper part of the then new High School. This we held until, through the wisdom of our first President, the venerated Judge Lynch, we acquired this property, once the Knowlton Academy, which we now own free from debt.

We felt we could never fill all the space, and we formally presented the then annex, or wooden building, to the Corporation of the Village of Knowlton on condition that it be used as a Fire Station, as none up to that date existed here. It was forthwith moved to its present site and a tower constructed.

During my many years of travel as Inspector of Schools I rarely came home without something for the Museum. We have never purchased any document or curio of all the now vast collection.

During these thirty - eight years we have had the following very efficient Presidents : - Judge Lynch , H. Sewell Foster, Hiram S. Foster, Jr., and the present incumbent of the office, Homer A. Mitchell , M. A.

Mr. Lester Ball was the first Honorary President and long served with Judge Foster.

The late Senator G. G. Foster expended much time and money to build up the interests of this Society.

Hiram S. Foster , Jr. , at one time gave \$300.00 towards repairs on the building.

The President of the Woman's Committee , Mrs. S. W. Foster , gave \$100.00 towards the small endowment we now have in Dominion Bonds of \$1100.00. The beginning of this endowment was the fund raised at the time of the "Old Academy Reunion" which was largely engineered by the late Senator Foster. Judge Lynch paid \$1.00 for each of the now five pine trees, then 50 in number, which ornament the rear of our grounds.

The Grant of One Thousand Dollars from the Carnegie Corporation, through the assistance of Mr. E. Lionel Judah, came to hand so late in June as to necessitate the conduct of the large improvements, already made, in the midst of the coming of the many visitors during July and August.

Large numbers of those visitors were school children.

As the free contributions of the whole season only amounted to \$12.95, the average has been scarcely two cents a piece. Many coppers appeared.

One copy of the History was sold to Professor A. E. Hayes of Rutgers College, N. J., for three dollars, which makes the total income from visitors for the season \$15.95.

Nearly one-half of our Grant of One Thousand dollars has already been expended.

We are indebted to Principal Greaves for auditing the

accounts; he carefully examined all the vouchers and found the present balance to be \$589.26 , and the expenditures to date for the season \$523.25. The amount in the Bank to the credit of the Society is \$647.13, as all cheques issued were not in at the time of the audit. When all is in the amount in the Bank will correspond with the balance which was found correct."

On motion of the Secretary, and seconded by Miss Mary Knowlton, this report was unanimously adopted.

The Curator made the following report :- "The Museum was opened July 1st. under my supervision, and 466 visitors were conducted by me through the Museum. During the month of August and on Labour Day 485 were visitors registered, making a total of 951 for the season. The free contributions were passed on to the Treasurer, Rev. E. M. Taylor, as well as the proceeds of the sale of some guns, and the sale of one copy of the Brome County History. "

Sidney Mitchell,

Curator.

Mr. Mitchell moved the adoption of his report which was seconded by Rev. E. M. Taylor who added words of commendation for the faithfulness of the Curator. The report was adopted.

The following report of the Woman's Committee was presented by the Secretary, Miss Mary Knowlton, and, on motion of Mrs. E. M. Taylor and seconded by Mrs. L. M. Knowlton, was unanimously adopted :- "On August 28th Mrs. Homer A. Mitchell called a meeting of the Woman's Committee of the Brome County Historical Society for that evening at her home.

There were four members present, the Secretary being unavoidably absent.

The President, Mrs. Mitchell, spoke of the improvements being made in the Museum, and urged a campaign to arouse greater interest in our wonderful collection, and to bring in new members, particularly among the young people.

After considerable discussion Mrs. Robb moved that the

Rev. E. M. Taylor be asked to speak to the pupils aged, 12 to 18 at the High School, upon the valuable contents of the Museum, and of the Historical Society. Mrs. Knowlton seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Mitchell proposed that shortly after this talk a meeting of the 'teen age boys and girls be called, to organize a Junior Branch of the Historical Society, when a slate of officers suggested by the Woman's Committee would be brought before the meeting to aid the young people in the selection of their officers.

Mrs. G. H. Robb was asked to be Honorary President of the proposed Junior organization.

Various social functions connected with the Historical Society were suggested, one being a garden-party next summer where interested persons from different parts of the County might meet together." Respectfully submitted, M. R. Knowlton, from verbal notes of Mrs. L. M. Knowlton.

There was no report from a Committee appointed last year by the McGill Graduates re a coöperative effort between the School Board, the D. of B. McGill Society, the citizens, and the Historical Society, as to holding a dinner-party to stimulate the interest. The Committee is continued for action in the near future. The Members of the Committee appointed by the McGill Graduates were Principal E. M. Greaves, Mrs. L. M. Knowlton, and Rev. E. M. Taylor. This Committee did not meet last year, and no action has yet been taken by this Society.

On motion of Rev. E. D. Mitchell and Mr. P. C. Duboyce the following officers were duly elected:-

Honorary Presidents,- James McKinnon, D. C. L. and Z. E. Martin.

President,- Mr. Homer A. Mitchell, M. A.

Secretary-Treasurer,- Rev. E. M. Taylor, M. A.

Asst. Secretary-Treasurer,- Mr. H. B. Shufelt.

Woman's Committee;- President, Mrs. H. A. Mitchell; *Vice-President,* Mrs. E. M. Taylor; *Secretary,* Miss M. R. Knowlton.

Permanent Members of the Trustee Board:- The Rector of St.

Paul's, Knowlton, and Mr. Marler Bancroft.

Elective Trustees:- Rev. Dr. E. I. Rexford; Messrs. Edgar C. Barnett; P. C. Duboyce, B.A., LL.B., N.P.; G. B. Foster, B.C.L., K.C.; W. A. Kneeland, B.C.L.; Mr. C. O. Jones; Hon. Col. R. F. Stockwell, K.C.; H. V. Truell, B.A., B.C.L.; F. N. Williams; Rev. E. D. Mitchell; Mesdames L. M. Knowlton, B.A., and G. H. Robb.

Auditor ,- E. M. Greaves, B.A., M.A.

It was moved by Rev. E. M. Taylor, seconded by Mr. P. C. Duboyce and unanimously resolved: "That whereas our esteemed Auditor for many years, Mr. Moses H. Bedee, has, since our last annual meeting, passed away we, the Members of the Brome County Historical Society in Annual Meeting assembled, desire to place on record our value of him personally, and our sense of loss we have sustained in his removal. We hereby extend to his bereaved wife our hearty sympathy." *Carried.*

Moved by Rev. E. M. Taylor and seconded by Mr. L. M. Knowlton :- "That we hereby extend our thanks to Mr. E. L. Judah, the Superintendent of McMill University Museum, for his active interest in securing for us a much needed Grant of One Thousand dollars towards improvements in the Brome County Museum." *Carried.*

The Chairman called upon Madame F. X. Giroux who referred very feelingly to the interest her late husband took in the work of this Society, as well as that of Missisquoi of which he was an active member. She spoke of our common interest in the history of our County as Canadians.

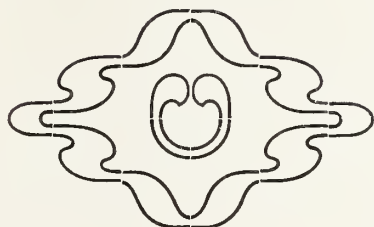
Others who spoke briefly were :- Hon. A. R. MacMaster, Mr. P. E. Layton, P. C. Duboyce, Rev. E. D. Mitchell, Mr. L. A. Giroux, and Mr. N. E. Bertrand.

Mr. C. O. Jones, in closing, said that much of the history of early times in these townships transpired around "the Bay". He referred to the interest in the research into early family history, giving as an example his own research into that of his own family.

The Asst. - Secretary, Mr. H. B. Shufelt, took notes of the

proceedings and received the fees which were recorded.

Ernest M. Taylor,
Secretary-Treasurer.



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